

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-5 (Canceled):

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A packing member ~~according to claim 5, for~~  
retaining a root of a blade in a fan in a curved socket arranged on a periphery of a rotor disk,  
the blade having a convex flank and a concave flank,

the packing member being in a form of a curvilinear plate constituted by a metal  
structure having hollowed out portions filled in by overmolding with a semi-rigid elastomer  
material, on a lateral edge situated on a concave side of the blade between an upstream end  
zone and a downstream end zone, which end zones are of entirely metal structure, on a lateral  
edge situated on a convex side of the blade between the end zones and a central zone, that is  
essentially of metal structure, and on two top portions of the packing member that extend  
between the two elastomer lateral edges on either side of the metal central zone,

wherein the metal structure further comprises a bottom recess extending over its entire  
surface between the upstream end zone and the downstream end zone, and

wherein the bottom recess is connected to the upstream end zone and downstream end  
zone by crescent-shaped portions.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A packing member ~~according to claim 5, for~~  
retaining a root of a blade in a fan in a curved socket arranged on a periphery of a rotor disk,  
the blade having a convex flank and a concave flank,

the packing member being in a form of a curvilinear plate constituted by a metal structure having hollowed out portions filled in by overmolding with a semi-rigid elastomer material, on a lateral edge situated on a concave side of the blade between an upstream end zone and a downstream end zone, which end zones are of entirely metal structure, on a lateral edge situated on a convex side of the blade between the end zones and a central zone, that is essentially of metal structure, and on two top portions of the packing member that extend between the two elastomer lateral edges on either side of the metal central zone,

wherein the metal structure further comprises a bottom recess extending over its entire surface between the upstream end zone and the downstream end zone, and

wherein the bottom recess is filled in by being overmolded with the semi-rigid elastomer material.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A packing member according to claim 6, wherein the central zone has a profile that is set back relative to a profile of the socket.

Claim 9 (New): A packing member according to claim 7, wherein the central zone has a profile that is set back relative to a profile of the socket.